(ख) और (ग) राज्य सरकार की 232.13 एकड़ भूमि 600/- रुपए वार्षिक किराए की दर से 1891 से सैन्य प्राधिकारियों के पास पट्टे पर है। इसके अलावा राज्य सरकार की 91.36 एकड़ अतिरिक्त भूमि रक्षा प्रयोजनों के लिए दिसम्बर, 1963 से किराए पर ली गई है। इस संबंध में किराया प्रभारों सहित निबंधन एवं शर्तें अभी राज्य सरकार द्वारा तय की जानी हैं।

(घ) इस भूमि का सक्रिय रूप से उपयोग किया जा रहा है इसलिए सेना प्राधिकारियों ने इस पर कतिपय स्थाई और अस्थाई निर्माण कर लिए हैं। सेना द्वारा किराए पर ली गई भूमि पर निर्माण करने के लिए राज्य सरकार की पूर्वानुमति लेने की कोई आवश्यकता नहीं है।

(ङ) और (च) सेना, उपर्युक्त भूमि का उन रक्षा प्रयोजनो के लिए लम्बे समय से सक्रिय रूप से उपयोग करती आ रही है जिनके लिए उसे लिया गया था, इसलिए किसानों को उसके स्थाई पट्टे दिए जाने अथवा उसे राज्य सरकार को वापस किए जाने का प्रश्न ही नहीं उठता।

Claims for repair of roads by Rajasthan

6962. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Rajasthan Government has raised an amount of Rs. 564.64 lakhs as claims assistance for repair of roads damaged on account of army exercise in Western Rajasthan;

(b) if so, how much amount has been reimbursed to Rajasthan Government so far and by when the remaining amount is likely to be reimbursed by the Government of India; and

(c) whether the same is proposed to be cleared by 1994-95; if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The claims were not found admissible and Government of Rajasthan were informed accordingly.

Countering the imbalance created by Pakistan

6963. SHRI TRILOKI NATH CHATURVEDI;
DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Goverment's attention has been drawn to a large number of press reports and an interview with the Air Chief on Doordarshan in recent days to the effect that Pakistan has acquired arms and air superiority vis-a-vis India and if so, what is the reaction of Government thereto; and

(b) what steps Government propose to take to counter the imbalance posed by Pakistan in terms of its nuclear capability as well as the air superiority?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) and (b) The Government is aware of the fact that Pakistan is acquiring weapons far beyond its legitimate requirements and takes appropriate steps to counter the situation arising from such acquisitions.

Scam in sale of IAF equipment

6964. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: SHRI O. P. KOHLI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Sale of IAF Equipment Advertisement smacks Scam" appearing in the 'Times of India' dated the 12th April, 1994 in the Bombay ediiton; and

(b) if so, what are the facts in this regard and the action taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Only surplus, unserviceable and absolete Air Force equipments|items are offered for disposal. Disposal is only through the Special Surplus Stores Disposal Committee set up by the Ministry of Defence. All the equipments/items, mentioned in the news-item for disposal, are obsolete and unserviceable and cannot be utilised further. All sales of such Defence equipment to other countries is regulated as per laid down policy of the Government.

Plans to match F-16 bombers

6965. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:
SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY:
SHRI G. G. SWELL:
SHRI SHANKAR DAYAL SINGH:
SHRI SARADA MOHANTY:
SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE:
SHRI MOHD. MASUD KHAN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that F-16 bombers are matched by MIG-29 fighter and the French Mirage-2000;

(b) what are the characteristics of the above planes, their combat or defence attributes, cost per plane, and efficiency;

(c) whether Pakistan and India have any of the above planes, if so, their numbers; and

(d) what is the defence mechanism against these planes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) to (d) Though, it is not possible to match an aircraft with another on each attribute, F-16, MIG-29 and Mirage-2000 aircraft are fairly well matched in 'Air Defence' role. While F-16 and Mirage-2000 are multirole aircraft, MIG-29 is optimised for Air Defence Role. The price paid in 1989 for a MIG-29 aircraft was about Rs. 24 crores. For the Mirage-2000 aircraft, the price paid in 1988 was about Rs. 31 crores. Pakistan has F-16 aircraft in its inventory. The present Air Defence system comprises Radars, mobile observation flights, Surface to Air Guided weapons and interceptor aircraft. It will not be desirable to disclose the numbers in each type of aircraft held in the IAF inventory.

Beating up of Cops by Army Officers

6966. SHRI O. P. KOHLI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item appearing in the 'Indian Express' dated the 19th April, 1994 under the caption "Army Officers beat up Cops"; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) An inquiry into the incident has been ordered.

Test Flight of Lakshya

6967. SHRI SURESH KALMADI:
MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the user evaluation tests of the indigenously developed pilotless target aircraft, "Lakshya" have been successfully concluded; and

(b) if so, when the same will enter the produciton stage?